

HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS CHECKLIST



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(major messages in bold)

Visit Six

Assessment

- ☐ Review information from baseline questionnaire and walkthrough.
- ☐ Tour home and repeat section M of walkthrough (Hazardous Household Products And Pest Control) to make a list of potentially hazardous products and where they are stored. Indicate in tracking system which products are present (a1- a24).
- ☐ Ask resident about their use of these products.
- ☐ Divide the products into higher priority and lower priority products.
 - Higher Priority products include banned products, pesticides labeled WARNING or DANGER, pesticide dusts, cleaning products containing bleach or ammonia, and solvent products used once per week or more.
 - Lower Priority products include corrosive drain, oven, and toilet bowl cleaners; pesticide products not included in higher hazard group; solvent products used less than once per week; air fresheners; and fragranced products.

Education

- ☐ Some household chemicals can be hazardous to use or store in the home.
- ☐ Some household chemicals can make asthma worse. These include lung irritants such as chlorine bleach and ammonia, solvent products that are used frequently, and products with strong fragrances or odors.
- ☐ Choosing less-hazardous products can help to make the home safer. If possible, avoid products marked DANGER or WARNING on the label or other products identified as high hazard. (Refer to summary table and protocol for safer alternatives to high hazard products)
- ☐ Dispose of high hazard products safely (refer to summary table and protocol for specific disposal instructions)
- ☐ Pesticides should be your last resort in solving home pest problems. Try to use non-chemical methods such as traps, barriers, or mechanical removal if possible.



- ☐ **PROVIDE CLIENT WITH LIST OF HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISPOSAL AND ALTERNATIVES.** (Use form included with the checklist to prepare list.)
- ☐ All chemical products should be kept out of reach of children, either on higher shelves or in locked cabinets.
- ☐ Flammable products should be kept far away from the furnace, hot water heater, or other sources of heat or flame.
- ☐ Products containing chlorine bleach should not be mixed with other products.
- ☐ If hazardous products must be used, follow label directions regarding safety protection, such as goggles, gloves, and ventilation.
- ☐ Dispose of hazardous products properly. Call the Hazards Line (296-4692) for more information on how to dispose of hazardous products.

Supplies

- ☐ Hazardous products list for client

Referrals

Hazards Line 206-296-4692 for information on disposal of hazardous products.
Washington Toxics Coalition 206-632-1545 for information on safer alternatives.

Visit Eight

Assessment

- ☐ Review status of toxic products identified during visit six. Check if toxic product(s) have been disposed of properly and appropriate alternatives selected. Indicate in tracking system which products are present.
- ☐ Identify barriers to disposal, such as lack of transportation to HHW site.

Education

- ☐ Review information on disposal and safer alternatives for toxic products identified during visit six.

Supplies

☐ None

Referrals

☐ Assist client in transporting products to HHW site if needed. Review protocol for safe transport methods.

Summary of Hazard Level, Disposal and Alternatives for Household Toxic Products

Product	Priority Level	Disposal Method	Alternative
Chlorine laundry bleach	High	Use up or drain	Other cleaning products
Other bleach products (e.g. disinfectants, mildew remover, tile cleaners)	High	Use up or drain	Other cleaning products
Ammonia cleaners	High	Use up or drain	Other cleaning products
Oil-based paints and stains	High	HHW or use up	Latex, low VOC paint
Paint thinners and solvents	High	HHW or use up	Use latex paint to avoid use, odorless mineral spirits
Paint removers	High	HHW or use up	Water-based product
Drain cleaners (DANGER)	Lower	Use up or drain	Mechanical method
Oven cleaners (DANGER)	Lower	Use up or drain	Non-caustic cleaner
Toilet cleaners (DANGER)	Lower	Use up or drain	Non-corrosive cleaner or scouring powder
Air fresheners/purifiers	Lower	Garbage	Remove odor source
Adhesives (e. g. rubber cement, contact cement, plastic glue, epoxy glue, spray-on glue)	Lower	Use up or garbage if solidified/HHW if liquid and not water-based	Water-based adhesive
Spot removers	High	Use up or dispose (HHW if solvent)	Enzyme or detergent-based product
Spray lubricants	Lower	Use up or HHW	None
Permanent or whiteboard markers	Lower	Use up or garbage	Water-based or "low odor" markers. Crayons or grease pencils.
Pesticides (cancelled, suspended, such as 2,4,5-T, aldrin, chlordane, creosote, DDT, dieldrin, kepone, lead arsenate, lindane (most uses), mirex, pentachlorophenol, silves, and toxaphene)	High	HHW	IPM
Pesticides (danger/warning)	High	HHW or use up	IPM
Pesticides (dust)	High	HHW or use up	IPM
Pesticides (caution)	Lower	HHW or use up	IPM

M. HAZARDOUS HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS and PEST CONTROL

M1. Are any of the following products in or around the home, and if yes, how often are they used? [NOTE: ASK ABOUT GLOVES AND GOGGLES/GLASSES ONLY FOR DRAIN, OVEN AND TOILET CLEANERS]

		Variable 1			If Yes			Variable 3		Variable 4		
		Yes	No	Don't know	At least once a week	At least once a month	At least once a year	Do you ventilate when using this product?	Do you wear gloves and goggles or glasses when using this product?			
Product		1	2	9	1	2	3	1=Y 2=N	1=Y 2=N			
a.	Chlorine laundry bleach										C7, C11, C5	
b.	Other bleach products (e.g. disinfectants, mildew remover, tile cleaners)										C7, C11, C5	
c.	Ammonia cleaners										C7, C11, C5	
d.	Oil-based paints and stains										C7, C11, C5	
e.	Paint thinners and solvents										C7, C11, C5	
f.	Paint removers										C7, C11, C5	
g.	Drain cleaners (DANGER)										C7, C11, C5	
h.	Oven cleaners (DANGER)										C7, C11, C5	
i.	Toilet cleaners (DANGER)										C7, C11, C5	
j.	Air fresheners/purifiers										C7	
k.	Adhesives (e. g. rubber cement, contact cement, plastic glue, epoxy glue, spray-on glue)										C7, C5	
l.	Spot removers										C7, C5	
m.	Spray lubricants										C5	
n.	Permanent or whiteboard markers										C7, C5	
o.	Pesticides (cancelled, suspended, such as 2,4,5-T, aldrin, chlordane, creosote, DDT, dieldrin, kepone, lead arsenate, lindane (most uses), mirex, pentachlorophenol, silves, and toxaphene)										C5, C82	
p.	Pesticides (danger/warning)										C82, C11, C5	
q.	Pesticides (dust)										C82, C11, C5	
r.	Pesticides (caution)										C7, C11, C5	

M2. Are there any flammable products stored near fire or heat?
 R+O Yes 1 C10
 No 2 GO TO M3
 Don't Know 9

M2a. What/where 1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____
 4) _____
 5) _____

M3. Are any hazardous products within reach of children?
 R+O Yes 1 C89
 No 2 GO TO QM4
 Don't Know 9

M3a. What/where 1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____
 4) _____
 5) _____

M4. Are there any damaged, rusting, leaking or open containers?
 R+O Yes 1 C5
 No 2 GO TO M5
 Don't Know 9

M4a. What/where 1) _____
 2) _____
 3) _____
 4) _____
 5) _____

M5. Are there any pesticides stored in the home?
 R+O Yes 1 C10
 No 2 GO TO M6

M5a. What/where	1) _____
	2) _____
	3) _____
	4) _____
	5) _____

M6.	How do you get rid of leftover pesticides?		
R	Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).....	1	
	Use up	2	
	Trash/collection	3	C5
	Sewer	4	C5
	Not applicable	5	C5
	Keep them	6	C5
	Don't know	9	C5

Date: _____

Household address: _____

List of Hazardous Products and What to Do About Them

Product	Hazard Level	How to dispose of it	What to use instead